

# Governor Gives Creeper Support

There are still no new, definite reports on the progress toward getting Legislative support for the State buying out The Heber Creeper. However, a letter from Gov. Norm Bangerter, dated Dec. 29, has been made public by the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, assuring his own support.

The letter was written before the Jan. 3 public hearing where hundreds of Wasatch County citizens and officials, as well as people from outside the County, turned out to plead for the State to invest money to save the historic railroad. So it can be assumed that the Governor's support is even stronger now.

In his letter, addressed to the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Governor said the State Director of Transportation, Eugene Findlay, was chairman of a task force formed to study and make recommendations on the alternatives for saving The Creeper.

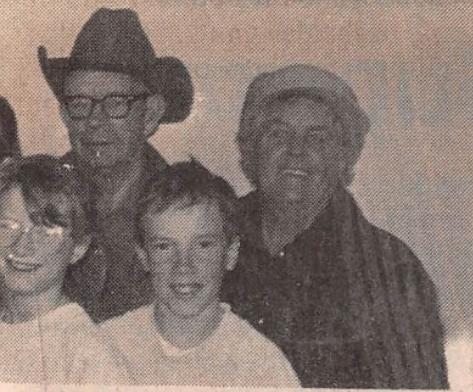
He said the task force "has spent

considerable time and effort on the project, strong support has been forthcoming from our State Historical Society and from the Utah Department of Transportation, as well as this [the Governor's] office. It should also be clear to you that the strongest support should be coming from Wasatch County (and, indeed, your Commissioners are very supportive) and from those legislators who represent the Wasatch County."

Following the hearing, Doug Bischoff, who represents the Governor, enthusiastically said he would take a positive report back to the Governor on the community support that he was looking for. The legislators have also expressed determination to appropriate the money necessary to purchase the train, now that they know their constituents are behind them.

Another letter, from the Sacramento Valley Historical Railways,

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ut their responsibilities last  
Heber City Safety Officer.  
nille Phillips, Abby Gardner,  
guards, Darrell Prescott and  
Stephanie Barr, Dana Henley,  
nael Adams.

Chatwin, Brian McDonald, Richie  
Williams, Amber Reiss, Clint  
Cummings, Shane Higgs, and  
Jonathon Turner.

The additional new recruits for  
the rest of the school year are:  
Christopher Pederson, Rhett  
Swena, Tyler Visentin, Cory Crit-  
tenden, Brandon Horrocks,  
Stephanie Barr, Becky Sweat, Sarah  
Berry, Melissa Kinsel, and  
Nathanael Adams.

Some of the patrol members,  
who have served all year, have been

1895

The people of Saba are celebrated throughout the Caribbean Islands for the fishing boats they build in a carter — the oddest of places imaginable for a shipyard. When the boats are ready to be launched, they are lowered down the overhanging precipices [1,000 feet] into the sea. There is no timber growing on the island, no beach from which to launch a boat when it is built, and yet those Dutch West Indians profit by their trade of ship building and cruise all about the Caribbean archipelago in the staunch, seaworthy craft they construct in the hollow of a volcano crater on the top of their mountain colony.

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Feb. 5,  
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Ten years ago, Mr. Edison applied for a patent in his own country for a new method of generating electricity, which is now made public. It consists of a furnace on which is placed an iron pot or cru-

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to kill non-game fish next August, then restocked, he expects ice fishing to draw even greater crowds.

He said the State will groom a new snowmobile trail from the Forest Service Complex in the Strawberry Valley south to Soldier Summit. Another will go north into Currant Creek, then divide into two trails, one of which will go down Lake Creek into Heber City. The other will go through Mill Hollow and Kamas, then emerge at the Mirror Lake Highway.

"People will be able to go from Mountain View, WY to Soldier Summit," he said.

According to the Utah Snowmobile Association, snowmobiling in the Strawberry Valley is the best in the western states, he reported, because there is good snow, there are lot of wide, open areas, and there are a lot of different types of scenery and terrain.

For instance, "They can go up through the trees, get up on the ridge, and see Mt. Timpanogos and Provo Peak, and look out over Strawberry Valley. It's a fantastic view," he said.

There are also a lot of possibilities for developing cross-country ski trails, which he expects people to become more acquainted with.

Last winter, dog-sledders raced around a seven-mile course, which was ideal terrain for the competitors as well as spectators, who could see the racers along most of the track. Jensen said now that the Forest Service has the additional acreage it acquired from the Strawberry Water Users, the track can be expanded to as long as 20 miles, much of which will still be in view for spectators.

Many of last Saturday's visitors also toured the new Forest Service Visitors Center, where there are maps showing the recreational facilities available, displays of educational information about the fisheries, and a map explaining the Central Utah Water Project. There is also a relief map of the Strawberry Valley, showing the locations of campgrounds, picnic areas, parking lots, launching facilities, fishing access points, restrooms, food service, gas pumps, and viewing areas.

Jensen said a computer video game is also being designed for the center, featuring both moving and still pictures of Strawberry.

"A person playing the video game will actually be able to see how he'd like to manage this land out here," he said. "We need to know how people feel about how the land ought to be managed."

He said all the input will be considered, although everybody's ideas won't necessarily be incorporated. He emphasized that since it is all public land, people should be made aware that it belongs to them.

"We're professional land managers, but the public is still our boss," he said. "And as they get involved with it, I think they'll want to take care of it better. We want people to come in here and go away from here feeling that this is a very special place that they've been to in the Uintah National Forest, and that they've had a fun and exciting experience, and maybe learned a little bit."

There will be another computer system that will be tied into a recreation opportunity guide that will provide information about all public lands, recreational facilities, and hotel and motels throughout the state. Jensen said his department plans to work with the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce to put a similar system in the Chamber's new Heber City Heritage Hall and Visitors Center, describing what is available and what there is to do in Wasatch County. He called it "one of the best marketing tools around."

"There will be moving video to show what it's like to go snowmobiling in the Heber Valley or Strawberry Valley; or what it's like to go horseback riding in the Heber Valley; or what it's like to go bicycling in the Uintah National Forest; and what opportunities are available at The Homestead and on The Heber Creeper, and throughout the whole state."

A boardwalk connects the Forest Service Visitors Center with the Division of Wildlife Resources fish trap, about 100 yards away, where there are exhibits explaining the fish trapping process, fish reproduction and spawning, and the division's hatchery program. Visitors will also be able to watch the trapping process.

Eventually there will also be a walk-in aquarium, where visitors will be able to view fish in their natural environment, similar to the one at Hogle Zoo, Jensen said.

# Sound Investment Out To Capture Hearts



The girls from Sound Investment, prepare a scene from "Annie" in their upcoming Valentine Dinner Show, Feb. 9 and 10.

Time is running out! The opportunity to "Wow" that special girl or guy, wife or husband for Valentine's is just about over. This is bound to be an extraordinary evening of food, fun, and romance.

Feb. 9 and 10, at 6:30 p.m., members of Sound Investment will be presenting a dinner theatre for couples who wish a romantic evening to celebrate Valentine's Day. Scenes from "My Fair Lady," "Annie," "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "The Sound of Music" will be presented along with a delicious dinner. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of Sound Investment or by calling Brad Thompson at 654-3441.

The stars, who will be making appearances during the evening, include Misty Ashby, Heidi Barker, Corey Berg, Kenneth Berg, Nicole

Christensen, Cody Draper, Tyler Fillmore, Jami Grose, Jared Hendry, Brian Jensen, Samantha Johnson, Chris Keller, Vyrl Kennard, Jennifer Knowles, Becky Kohler, Trudy Lambert, Amy Lange, Jodie Love, Rebecca Moulton, Annette Nichols, Jay Nicol, Jennifer Palmer, Cal Parker, Angela Paulsen, Jason Peacock, Jeremy Price, Rebecca Rail, Kristen Reeder, Maratee Reeder, Melanie Sabey, Susan Smedley, Lori Stone, Rachel Summerhays, Michelle Thacker, Josh Thomas, Amy Toronto, Kymber Van Wagoner, Brandie Vriens, Paula Wright, Denise Thacker, Elizabeth Johnson, Mike Hansen, and Brooke Guymon.

Costumes are being designed and created by Mrs. Susan Toronto. Kymber Van Wagoner is producer as president of Sound Investment.

## Jan. 1, 1895

A. Z. Smith, an electrician, will be in Heber some time this week to investigate the feasibility of putting an electric light wire from the Ontario tunnel plant on this place. We

need electric lights and would be pleased to see the scheme put through or a plant put in nearer home. Think the matter over and be prepared to talk business when Mr. Smith arrives.

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